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Christine Sherwood

Applicant

: Roland Eberlein, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents

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July 28, 2006

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|--|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE | |
| Total Claims Fee | 13 | *20 | 0 | x \$25.00 | x \$50.00 | 0 | |
| Independent Claims | 4 | ** 3 | 1 | x \$100.00 | 1 x \$200.00 | 200.00 | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims *** | | | | \$180.00 | \$360.00 | | |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | 200.00 | |
| NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED | IF NO FEE RI | IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0" | | | | | |

LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 14, 15 and 16

- * IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3
- ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3
- *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME

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| X | Attached is our check for \$200.00 to pay the fees calculated above. | |
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| X | A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed. | |
| X | Other enclosures: Copy of Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form | m |
| | 1449 previously mailed on May 3, 2004 | |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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